

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-7, 10-20, and 23-26, were rejected. Claims 1-5, 10-18, and 23-26 were rejected under Section 102(b) over *Villa-Real*. And, claims 6-7 and 19-20 were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of *Villa-Real* and *Johnson*.

Responsive to the rejections of the claims, the independent claims, claims 1 and 14, have been amended, as set forth herein, in manners believed better to distinguish the invention of the present application over the cited reference used thereagainst.

With respect to exemplary claim 1, the step of defining has been amended now to recite the step of defining an external triggering event and storing an indication of the external triggering event. The external triggering event is recited to occur external to the communication device. The operation of detecting is amended now to recite the step of detecting at the communication device occurrence of the external triggering event. And, the step of performing is amended now to recite a step of performing at the communication device in response to detecting the external triggering event. Apparatus claim 14 has been analogously amended. The recitation of the input device has been amended, now to recite that the input device receives a first input that generates a reminder, defining an external triggering event that occurs external to the communication device and for receiving a second input that defines an action, wherein the action is to be performed using the reminder upon occurrence of the external triggering event. The recitation of the processor has also been amended now to recite that the processor detects occurrence of the external triggering event and initiates performance of the action on the reminder responsive to detection of the occurrence of the external triggering event.

While the examiner relies on *Villa-Real* for showing a method and apparatus for generating a reminder in a communication device, reliance is placed upon disclosure in *Villa-Real* of future phone calls, including specific times and dates of the respective telephone numbers of the targeted party are programmed into a micro-computer memory. So that, with the progression of actual time and date that are constantly compared to the electronic timer and calendar and alarm system the telephone numbers are phoned in sequential order.

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To the extent that the Examiner relies on this disclosure, the triggering event must be therefore an internal event and not, as now recited, in the independent claims, an external event.

As the independent claims, as now amended, each recite that the occurring external to the communication device, the independent claims are distinguishable over the cited reference used thereagainst.

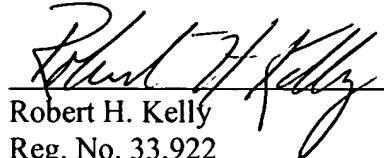
Amendments made to various of the remaining dependent claims are made responsive to amendments made to their respective parent claims. As the dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective parent claims, these claims are believed to be patentably distinguishable over *Villa-Real* for the same reasons as those given with respect to their respective parent claims. And, specific note is made of dependent claims 10 and 23. These claims recite a triggering-event-detecting device that detects the occurrence of the external event. In addition to the absence of disclosure in *Villa-Real* of use of external triggering events, this reference also fails to disclose a triggering-event-detecting device, or corresponding method, recited in dependent claims 10 and 23. The additional reference of *Johnson* was cited merely for showing a method for automatically reminding a remote communication device user of certain events using an audio segment or video message reminder. As this reference also fails to define and make use of an external triggering event, as now recited, no combination of *Johnson* and *Villa-Real* can be formed to create the invention of the present application as now recited.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 14, and the remaining ones of the dependent claims dependent thereon are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

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